

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that in applicants' February 18, 2008 Amendment the use of the status identifier "*amended*" in connection with claims 1, 8, 9 and 23, was improper.

The preceding listing of claims now uses the proper status identifier "*currently amended*" for claims 1, 8, 9 and 23. All other claims listed in the preceding *Current Status of Claims* are identical to the corresponding claims listed in applicants' February 18, 2008 Amendment.

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